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"It is a deeply misguided proposal that is fundamentally hostile to the progress of school improvement, the financial health of municipalities, and the principle of local control"
- Mayor Walsh urges voters to Vote No on Question 2

Election Day Countdown: 15 Days Away! Get Involved at These Upcoming Labor Walks

Labor Walks: Union members talking to other union members is one of the most powerful forms of political communication. At our Labor Walks across MA we will be talking to our union brothers and sisters about getting out to vote for our endorsed candidates who will fight for working families on Beacon Hill and the importance of rejecting the privatization of our public schools system by Voting No on Ballot Question 2 . Please join us at the doors in these key areas to talk to fellow union members about what is at stake in the Nov 8 election:

- October 25: Labor Walk in Worcester in Support of Labor Endorsed Candidates and Vote No on 2
- October 27: Labor Walk in Stoneham in support of State Representative Mike Day and Vote No on 2
- October 29: Labor Walk in Worcester in Support of Labor Endorsed Candidates and Vote No on 2
- October 29: Labor Walk in Seekonk in Support of Paul Jacques (IAFF) for State Representative and Vote No on 2
- November 5: Volunteer opportunities with NH AFL-CIO and labor endorsed campaigns in MA all over the state! For GOTV opportunities with NO on Question 2 campaign call 617-460-7337. Labor to Labor GOTV with the NH AFL-CIO in support of Hillary Clinton and Maggie Hassan all day, every day, out of the NH AFL-CIO's office.

Vote Early Today! Early Voting Available Through November 4th

This year, for the first time Massachusetts voters are able to participate in early voting. Here's what you need to know:

Who: All registered Massachusetts voters are eligible to vote early.

What: Early voting gives the voters of Massachusetts the liberty to cast their ballot anytime between October 24th and November 4th - either in person or by mail - rather than attending a polling place on Election Day, November 8th.

When: Local election officials are mandated to allow early voting during normal business hours between **Monday, October 24th through Friday, November 4th**. All have been requested to host extended hours but this is not required and varies based on city/town.

Where: To look up the location(s) and hours of operation for you local municipality please visit:
http://www.sec.state.ma.us/EarlyVotingWeb/EarlyVotingSearch.aspx

Before you cast your ballots be sure to familiarize yourself with your candidates for State Representative and Senator by checking out our list of Endorsed Candidates & Campaigns.

Mayor Walsh, Telling it Like it is! #VoteNoOn2

Last Tuesday, Mayor Walsh came forward and laid out his honest reasoning for being a No On 2 Supporter. As a founding board member of the Neighborhood House Charter in Dorchester and a long time public advocate of charter schools, Mayor Walsh states; "My reasons are clear.

Question 2 does not just raise the cap. Over time, it would radically destabilize school governance in Massachusetts"

Read the full Op-Ed Here: Vote No On 2

HUDS Workers, Still on Strike! #SupportTheStrike

For nearly 3 weeks the Harvard University Dining Service workers have been on strike, and they are still standing strong in their fight for a living wage and affordable healthcare. While Harvard has an endowment over $37 billion and HUDS are still fighting to earn $35,000 a year and affordable, practical health care coverage. Check out the pictures from last Saturdays' #SupportTheStrike rally where 1000+ people came out despite the rain, to support HUDS workers.

Read this opinion piece by UNITE HERE Local 26 member, Rosa Ines Rivera, and then consider a donation to the strike fund. They need all of us. Keep striking food service workers at Harvard strong! Donate today.

MBTA Workers Continue to Rally Against Privatization! Join Them and Learn More

The rallies are growing! MBTA workers have been joined at their rallies by union brothers and sisters, fellow citizens, and recently by Mayor Walsh as they protest the privatization of the T. The Carmen's Union continues to ratchet up the pressure on Governor Baker with the release of a Baker Fact Check while a clear lack of transparency throughout this process continues to raise questions around it's legitimacy.

Visit the Carmen's Union Website to stay in the know on this issue and save the following dates to stand in solidarity against privatization:
- October 25: Rally and Informational Picket to Stop MBTA Privatization at South Station
- October 27: Rally and Informational Picket to Stop MBTA Privatization at Quincy Center

New England Joint Board (Unite Here) Members

Highlighted in Hilary Clinton Ad! Watch Here

The New England Shirt Company in fall River has proudly produced American made shirts right here in Massachusetts since 1883. Unite Here and the Mass AFL-CIO could not be more proud of these union brothers and sisters. We are happy to share this video highlighting their work as they deliver a resounding rebuke of the great outsourcer himself; Donald J. Trump.

Share the video on Twitter and Facebook with the links below!

Families Mourn as Tragedy Repeats Itself

Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with the families of the two well loved, hard working, family oriented construction workers who drowned in a flooded trench in Boston on Friday. This tragic loss is made even more devastating knowing that their employer, Atlantic Drain Services, Inc. had a long history of OSHA violations, the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health said in a statement.

Trenching is among the most hazardous construction operations. Mass COSH and Plumbers Local 12 discussed the lack of appropriate regulation on the drain cleaning industry on Twitter and restated several policy suggestions they have been pushing.

Read more about the history of OSHA violations that precede this tragedy at Atlantic Drain Service Co. and hear from the families of the workers here: Tragic History Repeats Itself

October 24, 26, and 27: Labor to Labor Phone Bank to members in NH: Every Mon, Wed, and Thurs through the Election!
October 25, 26, 27, and 28: Daytime NO on Question 2 Labor Phone Banks: every Tuesday – Friday
October 25 and 27: Evening NO on Question 2 Labor Phone Banks: every Tuesday and Thursday
October 25: Labor Walk in Worcester in Support of Labor Endorsed Candidates and Vote No on 2
October 25: Rally and Informational Picket to Stop MBTA Privatization at South Station
October 26: Save Our Public Schools Worcester Phone Bank and Canvass
October 27: Labor to Labor Phone Bank for Jen Migliore
October 27: Save Our Public Schools Lynn Canvass
October 27: Save Our Public Schools Somerville Canvass
October 27: Save Our Public Schools Concord Canvass
October 27: Save Our Public Schools Waltham Canvass
October 27: Save Our Public Schools Brookline Canvass
October 27: Labor Phone Bank for Paul Jacques with the Plymouth/Bristol and Norfolk County CLCs
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October 29: Labor Walk in Seekonk in Support of Paul Jacques (IAFF) for State Representative and Vote No on 2
October 29: NH AFL-CIO Labor Walk in Nashua, New Hampshire with guests from AFSCME
October 29: Save Our Public Schools Fall River Canvass
October 30: NH AFL-CIO Labor Walk in Manchester, New Hampshire
October 30: Save Our Public Schools Tyngsborough Canvass
November 1: NO on 2 Rally - Boston
November 5: Volunteer opportunities with NH AFL-CIO and labor endorsed campaigns in MA all over the state!
November 5: NH AFL-CIO GOTV in Nashua, New Hampshire with guests from UFCW & AFSCME R.I.
November 6: NH AFL-CIO GOTV in Manchester, New Hampshire
November 7: NH AFL-CIO GOTV in Multiple Towns, New Hampshire
November 8: Election Day!

@malikkacwill: Good Afternoon Swampscott! We are Public School Parents, looking for your support. Vote No on 2! #keepthecap @SOPublicSchools

@MetroBTC: Great support for @johnmahoneyply here in #Plymouth! @massaflcio @DaveMorgan37

@IBEW222: W/ IBEW 2222 members b4 work in Medford talking importance of voting for @HillaryClinton & #NoOn2 @massaflcio @IBEW

@Jen_Migliore: Great morning at IUE-CWA local 201 in Lynn for the #teammigliore labor walk!! A big thanks to everyone who came out!! #mapoli

@CharlotteAriel8: Here we go Winchester! #NoOn2 thanks to @mikeday4rep for being out with us to @SOPublicSchools

@BostonUnionCity: Labor-to-labor doorknocking for @HillaryClinton @BostonUnionCity in Concord NH with @GoIUPAT. #1u #1uvote

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